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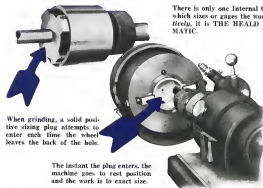
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## War Pilots

**D**URING the late war there were between two and fifteen thousand men who either had aerial flight training, or a certain amount of experience in the air. However, the majority of those men gave up their aeronautical activities as soon as they got out of service, and their reasons for such action were varied. When speaking as to these reasons, one must consider the very unfavorable conditions under which the war pilots were forced to fly.

To begin with, the training planes were a bit difficult and perhaps a bit dangerous to fly, and as a rule had little performance. Therefore, the average war flying student did not possess an over amount of confidence in the plane, and went about his task with the feeling that his machine in that plane depended upon him quickly he mastered the art of flying. And that feeling was constantly increased by the sight of his bank-mates spinning into the ground all about him. In addition to all that, the demand for pilots at the front was so great that the students were virtually rushed through their training, and they shipped overseas as fast as they could to act as instructors and endeavor to pass on their meager knowledge to other beginners. In short, in those hectic days of conflict the pilot had to virtually teach himself to fly, grab what air experience he could, and make the most of the chance that he would get by when he reached the front.

However, there were thousands of crack pilots developed during the war, and it is quite possible that from the standpoint of aerial flight skills the war pilots were superior to the present day pilots. The point, however, is that in the time of war the thrill and excitement of flying far outweighed all thoughts as to personal danger. But, when the war was over and the fire of battle had died down the majority of war pilots gave up that flying because their experience had impressed them with the fact that flying in war had its perils, but flying in peace was another story altogether.

As a result, the war pilots have been so engaged in other pursuits in life that they have not realized the tremendous strides that have been made in the design, safety, and ease of maneuverability of the present day airplane. Of course the great flights of the last two years have brought many of the war pilots back into the game, and have stirred up the old longing to get back in the air in many others. However, the latter have not returned because of the feeling they had toward flying at the end of the war, and because they do not realize the simplicity of present day flying. In fact, every war pilot has been experienced beyond measure upon taking his first hop after an absence of years from the game. When once he had to "fight" the controls he now sits back and "lets his ride." And where once he had to pit to down and then "slid" himself into the ground, he now sits in the plane without hind himself.

Indeed, flying has changed since the war, and the danger has been minimized to a marked degree. There is no need to feel as one felt in 1918, and in view of the fact that there still exists the old lure of the air in the heart of every war-pilot war flying war pilot it would be to their benefit and the benefit of the industry for them to give the game another try. The aeronautical industry has need for that type of man, and all who succeed in getting them into the air again, so that they can use for themselves what flying is today, will have contributed more than a little toward the future development of aeronautics.

## Safety Belts

**W**HEN often put so schematically to a word that we forget its origin and real meaning. Safety belts were first used when the pilots of the old pusher planes sat way out in front and in the open, and the safety belt felt very comfortable. Whoever caused the word knew what he said and said what he meant. Planes, however, have changed since those early days and it is hard to find out of the area of the present day planes, but the original meaning still holds. A safety belt is not a very comfortable thing to wear, but it is very necessary to the safety of flying. One may not need it in ten thousand miles of flying but when the time comes it serves its purpose, and the humble safety belt has probably saved more lives than the speedometer parachute.

Every to often a downward gust of wind strikes a plane with such force that the plane will drop out from under the pilot. Every so often the pilot will make a maneuver which tends to raise him from the seat or he will try flying upside down (as happened to me last week). Especially in calm places, where a violent gust or a bad maneuver may throw the passengers to one end of the cabin, the safety belt is of value. In our opinion, the primary value of the safety belt is, however, in the case of bad landings. If a plane goes over or runs into something, the pilots and passengers are much more apt to get hurt if their safety belts are not well fastened. In the case of a severe crash, the safety belt helps immensely in breaking the force of the impact.

It is sometimes argued that in case of a crash it is safer to be thrown clear of the plane. This would probably be true if one were always near or being thrown clear and of landing on one's feet. Except in the few war planes cockpit seatbelts, however, there are few places in which the pilot and passengers can be thrown clear. In the case of the structure of the plane will absorb a good deal of the force of the crash, especially if the plane has a chance to skid along the ground.

Safety belts should be comfortable and easy to put on and take off. They should be strongly fastened to a substantial member of the frame and not to the seat, as otherwise the seat and belt may put out together.

# Detroit's All-American Aircraft Show

By JOHN T. NEHL

**S**ETTING a new and highly pleasing precedent in the staging of American aircraft exhibitions, the second annual All-American Aircraft Show, held under the joint auspices of the Detroit Board of Commerce and the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, Inc., will open in Convention Hall, Detroit, Mich., one week from this date.

Despite a regrettable lack of floor space due to an fault of the Show Committee, which resulted in the strenuous rejection of applications from nearly a dozen additional manufacturers, the Detroit show, exhibiting a total of 107 airplanes, entered by 16 different manufacturers, and a total of 124 accessory booths, will be the most representative picture yet presented of America's aircraft industry.

The second All-American Aircraft Show, a fitting exposition of a \$100,000,000 industry, will be more than a revelation of the giant strides taken during the past few years in aeronautical and mechanical engineering. With all *Who's Who* in aviation attending, and with all of *What's Who* in aviation to be seen, the Committee in charge has conceived the Show into what might well be termed an educational institution. So varied is the program, and so many the activities scheduled to be carried out in conjunction with the Show that one finds it difficult to know how to describe it.

Mayor John C. Lodge, of Detroit, has issued a proclamation designating the show week, April 5-8, as Aviation Week. All of America has been invited by the mayor to participate in observing this tribute to the most remarkable of industries. In response to letters of invitation broadcast by the Detroit Board of Commerce approximately 28 deputations from Chambers of Commerce from many parts of the United States will attend the Show.

Following similar institutions to 5,200 airplane owners in the United States, at least 500 planes are expected to be shown on 11 airports and landing fields within the Detroit area prior to or during the Show. The St. Joe Aviation Club, of South Bend, Ind., on Saturday (opening day), when the doors will be formally opened at 7 P. M.

The second annual All-American Aircraft Show has been and is being well advertised. Besides a liberal use of the trade magazines as well as the daily press, the Committee has passed 100 24-in. sheets on billboards in and

around the city. These will include important messages by the Aeronautic Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers, and the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, individually and jointly; meetings of the young school committee of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Airplane Manufacturers' Association, the Inter-Collegiate Aviation Society, the National Aircraft Association, and a number of additional organizations affiliated with the industry.

More than 50 civic and industrial clubs within the Detroit area are holding special luncheon meetings during the show week, their meetings to be addressed by men and women, whose names are household words to those in the industry. Among last-minute changes, the program will include addresses on varied subjects by William F. MacCracken, Jr., E. Truman Drown, W. Irving Glover, Edgar Gott, Charles L. Lawrence, Paul Hindemith, Louis Stevenson, Reed Lumsden, Alexander Klemin, Glenn Curtiss, General W. E. Gibson, Lady Mary Heath, Miss Amelia Earhart, P. W. Litchfield, J. Don Alexander, Porter Adams, C. S. Jones, Col. H. H. Rice, Jan Berges, Gen. Frank P. Lahm, Commander Fred W. Goetz, of Michigan, Thomas Hughes, Clyde Cowie, Major Ralph Royce, H. Russell Shaw, Herbert Sadler, Ralph Lewis, Frank Tschern, D. H. Holladay, Lawrence La Page, Dr. George W. Lewis, Capt. Walter Davis, A. J. Edwards, and others.

On the theory that the future of aviation depends largely upon the education of the children, the Committee has sought and secured the cooperation of the Detroit Board of Education, which organization will do much to center the attention of the city's 300,000 school children on the aircraft show. Approximately 250,000 exchange tickets will be distributed among the schools, admitting each child to the show at a reduced price of 25 cents. All children under 16 yr. of age will be admitted 25 cents every day between the hours of 10 A. M. and 5 P. M. The exposition's daily hours will be from 10 A. M. until 3:30 P. M., except on Saturday (opening day), when the doors will be formally opened at 7 P. M.

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about the city of Detroit. Through cooperation of the railroad 17 great railway express, traveling from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will place their stations with posters prepared by the Committee. In addition, 24 of Detroit's largest hotels will have displays advertising the Show prominently located in their lobbies.

The services of our bands have been secured through courtesy of six Detroit organizations, and there will be a musical program broadcast every night. This has been arranged with the cooperation of three Detroit radio stations.

Several hours prior to the show opening several parades will be staged over the city by the famous First Parade Group, United States Army Air Corps of Selfridge Field, the 109th Observation Squadron, Michigan National Guard, and Detroit's novel seaplane squadron.

Aside from its remarkable number of exhibits, one of the most impressive things about the Detroit Show, and a feature that accentuates the rapidly with which the industry is moving along, will be the number of entirely new planes placed on the market within the past year. Among the most remarkable number of aircraft, displaying their very latest products, many of which have never been publicly shown, Ray Cooper, manager of the Show, reports there are in the Show approximately 20 models absolutely new to the field. Among the new products included in the program are the Army monoplane, the Eaglehawk "Bullet," the Arrow Airplane, the Berliner "Dragon" monoplane, the Colville amphibian, the Conquest "Centaurus," the Curtiss "Thrush," the Dwyer "Dewie," the Eastman "Dive Bomber," the "Dive Bomber" monoplane, the Knoll biplane, the Reaville biplane, the St. Louis "Cardinal," the "Tetra biplane, and the Varville "Air Coach." A number of others, such as the Davis "Tad Head" and the Kottner "Air Coach," have been shown but have been

Striking also in the great number of new planes in the accessory section, the field growing so rapidly the show management could have filled the 166,000 sq. ft. of floor space with accessory exhibits alone. Emphasized among the American Curtiss, Auland, Brown, Curtiss, Central, Curtiss, Dayton, Japet, Le Road, Lycoming, Rover, Pratt & Whitney, Warner and Wright.

Manager Cooper and the Show Committee originally planned on staging the show in a large one million gallon hangar and exposition building this was to have been constructed in

the city of Detroit, but the city's cramped quarters. Because of political both the airport and the large hangar still are in a more or less theoretical state, making the management to be seriously handicapped for space. This, despite the fact Convention Hall, located at the largest of the city's largest show hall in America. Because of this handicap Manager Cooper, at this writing, has been compelled to reject applications from a total of 15 airplane manufacturers and to include in the Show Show Committee are Edward S. Evans, William B. Myers, William E. Meigs, Carl L. M. Woodson, Eugene W. Lewis, Harry B. Gossard, and W. Magruder Jones. The work of bringing the show to Detroit has been actively in charge of Mr. Cooper, Karl H. Bertsch, Director of Publicity, Roy Chamberlain, Harry Reich, and Henry O. Weisbach, of the

Aircraft Bureau of the Detroit Board of Commerce. Having last-minute changes, aircraft manufacturers exhibiting in the Show are as follows:

As this is written the aircraft exhibits, with their exhibit and the man designated to be in charge of the booth are as follows:

Army Aircraft Corporation, Rockford, Ill. One plane. One Arrow "H" two-place open monoplane. Span, 36 ft. Length, 23 ft. Chord, 6 ft. Height, 7 ft. A. J. Zimmerman.

Advanced Aircraft Company, Troy, Ok. By Krupp Flying Service, Springfield, Mo. Four Waco biplanes (specifications not listed), M. E. O'Brien.

Aeromarine Klemm Corp., New York, N. Y. One plane. One Aeromarine Klemm, two place, open monoplane. Span, 40 ft. Length, 22 ft. 6 in. Chord, 6 ft. 7 in. Height, 6 ft. H. H. Seifert.

Alexander Aircraft Corporation, Denver. By Krupp Eaglehawk Company, Niles, Mich. Two planes. One three place. Eaglehawk open biplane. Span, 30 ft. 8 in. Length, 25 ft. Chord, 5 ft. 2 in. Height, 9 ft. 11 in. One Eaglehawk biplane, open monoplane. Span, 36 ft. 7 in. Length, 21 ft. 1 in. Chord, 6 ft. 8 in. Height, 7 ft. 4 in. W. H. Kyles.

Alliance Aircraft Corp., Allamore, Ok. One plane. One "Ages" two place, open biplane. Span, 25 ft. 8 in. Length, 20 ft. 4 in. Chord, 4 ft. Height, 8 ft. 4 in. Anthony W. Hise. The Alliance Corporation also has an exhibition the Hise "Warrior" 7 cylinder engine and parts.

American Aeronautical Corp., New York City. One plane. One American Aeronautical Corp., three place, open monoplane, J. Lawrence Collins.

American Eagle Aircraft Corp., Kansas City. Two planes.

Arrow Aircraft and Motors Corp., Haverhill, N.H. By The Flying Service, Ann Arbor, Mich. One plane. One Arrow Sport, two place, open biplane. Span, 25 ft. Length, 19 ft. 2 in. Height, 6 ft. 11 in. Leonard F.

Bellanca Aircraft Corp., New Castle, Del. One plane. One Bellanca C.H. six place, cabin monoplane. Span, 46 ft. 4 in. Length, 27 ft. 9 in. Chord, 6 ft. Height, 8 ft. 4 in. Alfred D. Chandler.

Berliner-Joyce Aircraft Corp., Inc., Baltimore, Md. One plane. One "Dragon" three place, open monoplane. Span, 36 ft. Length, 26 ft. Chord, 6 ft. 8 in. Height, 8 ft. 4 in. Henry A. Berliner.

Beech Aircraft Co., Seattle, Wash. One plane. One Beech Mail. Length, 31 ft. 11 in. Chord, 30 in. Height, 12 ft. 1 in. Lena Erik H. Nelson.

Bald Aircraft Co., Marysville, Mich. Three planes. One Bald "Aurora," eight place, closed sesquiplane. Span, 48 ft. Length, 36 ft. Chord, 10 ft. Height, 10 ft. One Bald Sport, three-place closed sesquiplane. Span, 36 ft. Length, 28 ft. Chord, 6 ft. Height, 8 ft. One Bald Standard, six passenger, closed sesquiplane. Span, 40 ft. Length, 28 ft. Chord, 6 ft. 9 in. Height, 8 ft. 6 in. Harold H. Smith.

Bufler Aircraft Corp., Kansas City. One plane. No specification.

Catharine Aircraft Corp., Detroit. One plane. One four passenger closed sesquiplane flying boat, known as the "Voyager" Maize "Dragon" 7. Span, 46 ft. Length,



Ray Cooper, who is the manager of the Detroit All-American Aircraft Show.



Edward S. Evans, a member of the Show Committee of the Detroit Board of Commerce.



32 ft. Chord, 105 in. Height, 11 ft. H. G. McCarrall  
Century Aircraft Corp., Kansas City. One place.  
Cessna, three passenger closed monoplane. Span, 32  
ft. 3 in. Length, 5 ft. 10 in. Height, 7 ft. 4 in. Archie  
Shelton.

Cessna Aircraft Co., Wichita. Two places. No specifications.

Chance Vought Corp., Long Island City, N. Y. One  
place. One Vought Corsair (SR) two passenger open



The Keystone 20 passenger transport monoplane, "Patriot," seen as a tour of the United States.

biplane. Span, 36 ft. Length, 30 ft. Chord, 5 ft. 4 in.  
Height, 10 ft. Paul Becker.

Cessna-Aire, Inc., Little Rock, Ark. Two places.  
One Command-Aire NC-3, three passenger open biplane.  
Span, 32 ft. 6 in. Length, 24 ft. 6 in. Chord, 4 ft. Height,  
8 ft. 4 in. One Command-Aire NC-3, two passenger  
open biplane. Same dimensions. Maj. J. Carroll Cox.

Cincinnati-Hall Aircraft Corp., Rochester, N. Y. One  
Cincinnati-Hall six passenger, cabin biplane. Span, 42  
ft. Height, 25 ft. 6 in. Chord, 6 ft. 6 in. Height, 11 ft.  
W. B. Williams.

Curtis-Ried Aircraft Co., Ltd., Montreal, Que. One  
place. One Curtis-Ried Bonanza, two passenger open  
biplane. Span, 33 ft. Length, 22 ft. 5 in. Chord, 5 ft. 6  
in. Height, 8 ft. James Tyson.

Curtis-Robertson Airplane Co., St. Louis. By Curtis  
Flying Service of Michigan. Three places. One twelve  
passenger Sikorsky amphibian closed monoplane. Span,  
71 ft. 8 in. Length, 40 ft. 3 in. Height, 13 ft. 10 in. One  
Curtis Robin, three passenger closed cabin monoplane.  
Span, 44 ft. Length, 25 ft. 9 in. Height, 7 ft. 10 in. One  
Curtis "Thrush," four place cabin monoplane. (No  
specifications available.) J. C. V. Barnett.

Davis Aircraft Corp., Richmond, Ind. One place. One  
Davis "Red Hawk," two place open monoplane. Span,  
30 ft. Length, 18 ft. Chord, 5 ft. Height, 6 ft. Capt.  
Walter C. Davis.

Dwyer Aero Corp., Baltimore, Md. One place. One  
Dwyer "Two" two place open monoplane. Span, 30 ft.  
Length, 21 ft. Chord, 5 ft. 2 in. Height, 7 ft. 11 in. Harvey  
Dwyer.

Dezer Aircraft Corp., Lansing, Mich. Two places.  
One "Skyhawk," two place open biplane. Span, 32 ft.  
Length, 22 ft. Chord, 5 ft. 4 in. Height, 7 ft. One "Skyhawk,"  
two place cabin biplane. Span, 28 ft. Length, 23 ft.  
Chord, 3 ft. 8 in. Height, 8 ft.

Eastern Aircraft Corp., Detroit. One place. One "Sea  
Rooster," three place open flying boat. Span, 36 ft. Length,  
20 ft. Chord, 5 ft. 8 in. Height, 7 ft. 8 in. James H.  
Eastman.

Fairchild Airplane Mfg. Co., New York City. Three  
places. One Fairchild "73," seven place cabin monoplane.  
Span, 30 ft. Length, 33 ft. Chord, 6 ft. Height, 9 ft. 6 in.  
One Fairchild "70," two place open monoplane. Span,  
30 ft. 3 in. Length, 21 ft. 6 in. Chord, 6 ft. Height, 5 ft. 8 in.  
One Fairchild "41," five place cabin monoplane.  
Span, 36 ft. Length, 25 ft. Height, 8 ft. A. A. Woodruff.

Fokker Aircraft Corp., New York City. Three places.  
One "Super-Universal," seven place cabin monoplane.

Span, 50 ft. 7 in. Length, 36 ft. 7 in. Height, 8 ft. 11 in.  
One "Super-Universal," seven place cabin monoplane.  
Span, 29 ft. 11 in. Length, 30 ft. Height, 12 ft. 8 in.  
One B-11 amphibian "flying yacht." Eight passenger  
cabin monoplane. Span, 51 ft. Length, 45 ft. Height,  
13 ft. Representative not designated.

General Airplane Corp., Buffalo. One place. One  
"Aeroplane," three place cabin monoplane. Span, 36 ft.  
2 in. Length, 25 ft. Height, 7 ft. 7 in. Representative  
not designated.

Gilbert, Inc., Orion, Mich. One glider. One place  
monoplane. Span, 34 ft. Length, 15 ft. Chord, 5 ft.  
Height, 8 ft.

Great Lakes Aircraft Corp., Cleveland. Two places.  
One Martin "74," six place cabin biplane. Span, 33 ft.  
Length, 34 ft. 8 in. Chord, 6 ft. 7 in. Height, 14 ft. 11  
in. One new flying biplane.

Hammond Metal Plane Co., Milwaukee. Two places.  
One eight place closed monoplane. Span, 54 ft. 5 in.  
Length, 34 ft. 8 in. Chord, 10 ft. Height, 9 ft. 6 in. One  
closed monoplane. Span, 60 ft. Length, 36 ft. Chord,  
20 ft. Height, 10 ft. 6 in. C. T. Keadon.

Hoach Airplane Company, Chicago, Ill. Two places.  
One Hoach "Super-aeroplane," six place open monoplane.  
Span, 25 ft. Length, 10 ft. 9 in. Height, 5 ft. 10 in. One  
"Baby Baiter," wing plane.

International Metal Structures Co., Marlborough, Wis. One  
place. One four place closed "Aeromobile" monoplane.  
Span, 30 ft. Length, 24 ft. 4 in. Chord, 6 ft. 8 in. Height,  
6 ft. 8 in. George H. Adler, John A. Schaefer and Irli  
Bach.

Inland Aircraft, Inc., Garden City, N. Y. One place.  
One Ireland closed monoplane amphibian. C. V. Bennett,  
Curtis Flying Service of Michigan.

Kesteven Aircraft Corp. (Loomis Division), New  
York City. Entry not designated. Stanley R. Juergens.

Kell Aircraft Corp., Wichita. One plane. One Kell  
KM-1, four place closed biplane. Span, 33 ft. 6 in. Length,  
23 ft. 10 in. Chord, 6 ft. Height, 9 ft. 4 in. H. P.  
Werner.

Kridler-Reiser Aircraft Co., Hagerstown, Md. Two  
places. One Challenger, three place open monoplane.  
Span, 30 ft. 1 in. Length, 23 ft. 9 in. Height, 9 ft. 4 in. One  
three place Challenger open biplane. Span, 30 ft. Length,  
23 ft. 1 in. Height, 9 ft. 8 in. By Skyways, Inc., Flint, Mich.

Kreitzer Aircraft Corp., Los Angeles. One plane. One  
Kreitzer "Air Condor," six place, tail-engine, closed

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The American Merchants S-55, a three passenger amphibian flying boat powered with a 110 hp. engine.

monoplane. Span, 46 ft. 10 in. Length, 33 ft. Chord,  
7 ft. Height, 9 ft. 6 in. Luma, Harry H. Ogden.

E. M. Laird Airplane Co., Chicago. Two places. One  
with span 34 ft. Length, 25 ft. Second with span, 20 ft.  
Length, 23 ft.

Lincoln Aircraft Corp., Lincoln, Neb. One place. One  
open biplane, three place "Lincoln Flyer." Span, 32 ft.

Length, 26 ft. Chord, 5 ft. 6 in. Height, 7 ft. 10 in. Victor  
H. Ross.

Mahoney-Ryan Aircraft Corp., St. Louis. One place.  
One Ryan biplane.

Metal Aircraft Corp., Cincinnati. Two places. One  
Pittman, six place cabin monoplane. Span, 50 ft.  
Length, 35 ft. Chord, 8 ft. Height, 8 ft. One in-  
closed biplane, six place cabin monoplane. (Thomas  
Hagler.)

Mohawk Aircraft Corp., Minneapolis. Two places. One  
Pittman, low wing open monoplane. Span, 31 ft. Length,  
24 ft. One Pittman, same dimensions. E. A. Sheridan.

Mono-Aircraft, Inc., Dallas, Ill. Three places. One  
Monospace, two place cabin monoplane. Span, 30 ft.  
Length, 20 ft. Chord, 5 ft. Height, 7 ft. One Monospace,  
two place open monoplane. Span, 30 ft. Length, 20 ft.  
Chord, 5 ft. Height, 7 ft. One Monospace, four place  
cabin monoplane. Span, 40 ft. Length, 26 ft. Chord, 6 ft.  
Height, 8 ft. D. L. Loomis.

Moth Aircraft Corp., New York City. One place. One  
"Gypsy Moth," two place open biplane. Span, 30 ft.  
Length, 23 ft. 11 in. Height, 8 ft. 9 in. Earl L. House.

Nichols-Bendley Aircraft Co., Marshall, Mo. One  
place. One Bending, N-B-3, two place open monoplane.  
Span, 32 ft. 6 in. Length, 21 ft. 6 in. Chord, 5 ft. 2 in.  
Height, 6 ft. 10 in. Russell Nicholas.

Overseas Aircraft Mfg. Co., Detroit. Two places.  
One Overseas, three place cabin monoplane. Span, 33  
ft. Length, 25 ft. Chord, 6 ft. Height, 8 ft. One Overseas  
place cabin monoplane. Span, 30 ft. Length, 25 ft. Chord,  
6 ft. Height, 8 ft. Frank Overlander.

Panama Aircraft Corp., Saginaw, Mich. Two places.  
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Stinson Aircraft Co., Tulsa, Okla. Two places. One  
Stinson, 3 place open biplane. Span, 32 ft. Length, 22 ft.  
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monoplane. Span, 44 ft. Length, 30 ft. Chord, 6 ft.  
8 in. Height, 13 ft. 4 in. J. F. Nagle.

New Sealed Aircraft Corp., Paterson, N. J. One  
place. One New Sealed, two place open monoplane. Span, 45 ft.  
Length, 26 ft. Chord, 20 ft. Height, 12 ft. 2 in. George  
Dewey.

Stinson Aircraft Co., Wichita. Five places. One  
Stinson Challenger, 5 place open biplane. Span, 40 ft.  
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# Blind Flying Instruction in France

By HENRY J. WHITE  
Associate Aviation Editor

OF late the question of blind flying has been a much discussed subject.

In Europe, where the payment of subsidies is frequently dependent upon maintenance of schedules, flying from point to point without the aid of intermediate points of reference has been developed to a high degree of perfection, it having reached the point where trips are commenced absolutely irrespective of weather conditions, so long as the field of destination is sufficiently clear to allow the pilot to see enough to land.

Without reference to radio compass bearings which enable the pilot to keep informed of his geographical position, it is of course necessary that he be capable of maintaining his place by instruments with as much confidence as with his vision, and this training, including take-offs, is now being given at the Farnas School of Blind Flying (école de l'Aviation sans Visibilité Existente). The school is operated under the direction of Lucien Rougier, and has been training military and air line pilots for a year.

The primary objects are: first, to convince the pupil that a pilot cannot feel the motions of his airplane, secondly, to prove to him that the indications of the instruments are perhaps more accurate than the combination of feeling and seeing which serves to effect corrections with normal visibility, and thereby, to train the pilot's visual reflexes to instrument indications so that he can instantly translate into appropriate corrections on the stick and rudder bar.

So effective is this training, that pilots who have taken the course have no hesitation in flying absolutely blind through dense which even fully block the air speed meter. In fact, weather of this character is eagerly looked for at the Farnas school, as according to experience for practicing blind flying under real

conditions. It must be remembered that sufficient visibility near the ground for landing is attained in every case.

The training begins with careful study of all flying instruments, particularly the "Rhyte Indicator" (indicateur de rythme), which is a combination of the air speed meter with the turn-and-slip indicator in such a form that the turn indicator needle appears in a narrow slot directly below and adjoining the air speed meter, while the bank indicator is in a second slot just beneath. A fore-and-aft level is located right alongside this instrument.

Other instruments are normally arranged, with a horizontal compass swung in gimbals as close as possible to the flight indicator. It has been found that it is necessary to swing the compass in gimbals because it is less affected by sudden short movements of the airplane in rough weather, if so suspended.

The student pilot is then introduced to an instrument of various known as the "bate d'orientation," or the training bench, invented and patented by M. Rougier.

A Farnas F-71, which is used at the Farnas School of Blind Flying for instruction purposes, because it has no visibility about any of the instruments.

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This affair resembles nothing so much as a ball in a barrel, with two seats and controls so arranged that the student pilot can see nothing except a set of windows (instrumentation), and a set of controls which are connected to nothing at all. The student and instructor take their seats, and the instructor begins to move the instruments, in the meanwhile observing and correcting the student's controlling movements.

At first, the instructor moves only one instrument at a time: when it is comparatively easy for the student to follow, then he makes multiple moves of bank and turn indicator in the same direction, which is still not too difficult; and finally, movements of the two in opposite directions, after a few moments at which the average pilot finds himself very glad to get out of the barrel and make a normal run. After a few moments of this, the training begins again, accompanied by movements of the air speed meter and turn-and-slip level as well as of the altimeter, tachometer and compass and continued until the student can make the proper corrective motions with reasonable rapidity and in the correct direction.

At this point, actual flight training is begun, the plane being a Farnas F-71, which has been selected for the purpose on account of having no stability around any axis.

After a short warm-up flight, the pupil is placed in the front cockpit and is covered over by a board, the only light in which is a very small opaque light: directly behind his head. The instructor takes the rear cockpit and moves the plane into the runway, relinquishes the controls, and opens the throttle, leaving the pupil to maintain a direct course by means of the turn indicator. It is necessary to watch closely the air speed meter, maintaining if possible a constant rate of increase, as leveling off leads inevitably results in rising above and striking the ground.

A course is then communicated to the student by phone, and he is given, as opportunity is afforded, to maintain this course at an altitude of about 1000 feet.

It is generally found after a few moments the student becomes so confused by previously acquired habits of reacting to sensations and the apparent lack of relationship between the indications of his instruments and the real conditions, that he will allow the airplane to get into what would be dangerous positions, and has to look away from his instruments and relinquish the plane to the instructor for a few moments until he can re-establish his balance.

As time goes on, the period between proper maintaining of position and the overpowering confusion of sensation and vision grows longer, until gradually, the indications of the instruments are reacted to, with the proper corrective motions without conscious effort, and the student finds himself flying with the same ease and confidence as with full vision. This moment becomes apparent to the student when he finds that other thoughts begin to enter his mind, and this takes place at the conclusion of from four to seven half-hour flights. At this time, the



The instrument board of an American plane.

being made more difficult by the instructor changing irregular movements from time to time.

Next, speed dials are made, with and without power, and speed dials are also effected, until finally the pupil is able to take off and fly to a given point and back without other assistance than telephone instructions from the other pilot. Upon arriving over a designated airport, the instructor takes the controls and makes a heavy descent of the plane.

It was the writer's good fortune to go by air and a half in a three-day cloud, with steel and lamps, or "Voies de ténacité" (ways of tenacity), as the French call them, and was astonished and pleased to find that Johnny Barrie, the instructor, considered that a heavy descent of all over the plane, with great clouds of low barometer off the propeller, was no excuse for being two degrees off the course, and that a complete non-functioning of the air speed meter, due to ice, did not in any way affect the fore-and-aft level, which is equally sensitive in connection with the engine conditions and the altimeter.

It is a strange fact that it is easier for the relatively green blind pilot to fly under the hood than in the open, for change of light, the temptation to look at the wing tips, and the cutting of air on the wings and the engine, all tend to upset the equilibrium of the beginner, and all lessen the impression of turning or banking so necessary that the pilot will find himself squaring up into some corner of the cockpit, while at the same time his hand is being apparently steering the airplane in positions into which he feels himself slipping—while actually, if he is correcting according to the instruments, he is really bringing the plane back to normal flying position.

After some practice, and with confidence in his instruments and his airplane, the student finds himself as much at home in clouds as in clear weather, and from that time on he has no fear of his ability to go from place to place, his only concern being enough visibility near the ground to enable him to make a normal landing.

The writer ventures to predict that flying by instruments will, when aided by radio, be more accurate and safer than flying as now practiced, and that even with large planes, there will be two pilot seats, one for take-off and landing, and one for flying the route, the latter being completely isolated, where the instructor, sitting in complete comfort, and devoid his full attention to banking the course, while the landing and take-off pilot attends to navigation and watches out for other airplanes.



# The New Zeppelin Plant at Akron Airport

By WALTER E. BURTON

WHEN Goodyear-Zeppelin engineers undertook the planning and erecting of the world's largest building—the giant string factory and dock now being built at the Akron, Ohio, municipal airport—they tackled a job almost as big as actual construction of the two new 6,500,000 cu. ft. Navy Zeppelins which will be assembled inside the structure.

Erection of a building covering 1½ acres of ground was hard, because of its peculiar purpose, having no interior parts or pillars to hold it up, its preventing numerous and novel engineering problems. Actual work on the building was started late last year. It is to be completed early in 1939.

The new string factory and dock was designed by W. H. W. Watson & Associates, Cleveland, Ohio, working under the direction of Dr. Karl Arnstein, vice-president and chief engineer of the company. The construction of the string factory is under W. C. Stein, Consulting Engineer under C. C. Blum, Vice-President and Factory Manager of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Perhaps the greatest design problem was to determine the shape of the building so that it would offer the least practicable resistance to wind, and would make the formation of the smallest number of distinct air currents—like air currents are important factors in the handling of a large ship, especially near its hangar.

The final design was for a structure having roughly the shape of an egg split in two along its longest axis and resting with the flat surface on the ground; in other words, a semi-

ellipsoid, as the drawing on the next page will show. This, once the shape was determined, came the problem of doors. There must be some means of opening and closing practically the whole of each end of the building in a reasonably short period of time, and again the setting up of troublesome air currents must be avoided. It was evident that the doors must be of unusual shape, differing radically from the well-known sliding door.

To meet the requirements of the problem, the "orange-peel" door was designed. Each door segment, in the name suggests, resembles a portion of a giant orange peel—one-fourth of the peel on the sphere. The segments are referred to subtelically as quadrants of a sphere.

Leaving the doors for a time, the next important engineering problem involved temperature. The hangar is to be all steel, consisting of a steel framework covered with thin steel plates, riveted together. One of the physical characteristics of steel, is its change of length, area and volume in rough proportion to change in temperature. Therefore, a building approximately 1,275 ft. long, 325 ft. wide and 205 ft. high, will be constantly changing in dimensions in accordance with temperature. At freezing temperature it will be about one foot shorter than on a hot summer day. Other changes will be in proportion. As there is no known way of eliminating thermal expansion, it was decided to mount the entire huge structure on heavy rollers so that it will be free to expand and contract as changes in atmospheric conditions take place.

Above: Driving the concrete piles for the foundation of the Goodyear-Zeppelin Corp. string factory and dock. Below: One end of the foundation.



In appearance, the hangar will be virtually one huge roof, with relatively low side walls. The roof, being all steel, will have enormous weight, and will be supported by great arches of structural steel, each arch being a parabolic curve, with a hump at the top and one at each of the ends or doors. Each end will rest on a concrete footing which in turn is supported by concrete piles driven to bed rock 30 ft. below the surface. The arches will support many cat-walks for workmen, cranes for handling material and the lifts, hoists and elevators will give access to various platforms and walks.

Perhaps the most unusual problem, according to engineers who designed the building, is supporting and operating the orange-peel doors properly. The doors are to be of huge size, each segment or leaf weighing 600 tons, yet they must work with smoothness, rapidity and safety. When they are open, a clear, unobstructed opening, the nature of which is a parabolic arch, will be provided, and will be 180 ft. high and 280 ft. wide.

Each of the 600 ton segments will be mounted so that nearly all of the weight is carried on a series of four wheel tracks running on circular rails having a 250 ft. radius. At the top, holding the segments, will be special pivot hinges attached to the main structure. Springs and cuttings for each hinge will weigh three and one-half tons. Motive power for moving the orange-peel sections will be provided by four motors developing 125 hp. each. Gears driven by the motors will engage 16 sets attached to the door frame.

Along the two sides of the building will be rooms for housing shop equipment and the like. This portion will be very much like any other modern factory.

Inside the building and extending out into the field through the open doors will be, on each side, docking rails for use in handling large airships. Upon the rails will be centered small trucks used to take a ship into and out of the dock. The trucks will be pulled by cables which are moved by either mechanical or motor power.

At the time of writing, all of the 1,300 concrete piles have been driven and concrete for the foundation is being poured. The next step, and the most difficult of the entire work, is to be the erection of the huge steel arches. Methods and methods will be worked out by the engineers in all parts of the world, for such a feat has never been attempted before. It is almost certain that much of value in building technique will come out of the successful accomplishment of the task. The material list calls for 2,000 tons of steel and 16,000 yds. of concrete, as well

A reproduction of an architect's drawing of the new 1,300 ft. dirigible hangar as it will appear when completed.

as large quantities of other material. The surface of the structure will be painted by the spray method. The building is to be 30 per cent completed by mid-summer, so that periodical painting of string parts and materials can be carried on in it.

Perhaps a better conception of the size of the building can be conceived by making a few comparisons. It could cover completely the national airport building, with the exception of a small portion of the dome top. The Woodworth building, Washington Monument and a few other obelisks and could be stored beneath its roof, the two objects mentioned being dimes, of course. Fourteen football games could be played in it at one time. If the particularly level wooden floor were covered with a mosaic of dollar bills laid edge to edge, the opening alone would be worth over two and a quarter million dollars.

Both of the two new Navy Zeppelins will be built and assembled at the new dock and factory. The building is situated on 60 acres of land less than a mile from the Akron plant of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., of which the Goodyear-Zeppelin Corp. is a subsidiary. This proximity is of great value from the standpoint of availability of materials and trained men from the Goodyear plant. The new string factory is not ground that is part of the new Akron Municipal Airport, and will serve to make the airport one of the few in the world having both lighter and heavier-than-air wings.

The new building, or rather the part to be used as a "floating place" for airships, sections of the offices, shops, design and drafting rooms, and other production departments located along the sides of the building, could contain both the Graf Zeppelin and the Los Angeles at the same time, but it will be able to house but one of the new 6,500,000 cu. ft. ship because of its greater diameter.

A comparison of the ships themselves is interesting, and serves further to fix the size of the new dock.

	Chancellor	Los Angeles	Graf Zeppelin
Max. gas vessel, cu. ft.	2,470,000	3,700,000	6,500,000
Length overall, ft.	658 8	726	783
Max. diameter, ft.	90 7	100	132 9
Height overall, ft.	124 4	113	345 0
Gross lift, lb.	153,000	250,000	403,000
Useful lift, lb.	50,000	80,000	132,000
Engines	9	5	8
Total hp.	2,000	2,750	4,480
Max. speed, knots	63 5	69 4	72 8
Range at 30 knots, in hours			
	2,500	5,360	9,180

# Aeronautical Training at Detroit University

By JAMES R. CUSTER

**W**ITH the industry moving forward as rapidly as it is, the aircraft manufacturers are confronted today with a shortage of technically trained men and this is becoming a serious problem. Some are attempting to cope with the situation by opening schools of instruction at the factories, others by offering scholarships, and still others by trying to induce in aeronautical engineering upon a basis of wages.

However, none of these methods, and this has been the thinking of more real aeronautical engineers. A system is in operation at the University of Detroit that seems to offer great possibilities in this connection. In the engineering college of the University, a co-operative plan of education has been in effect for some time. This plan makes use of one of the dual principles of instruction, that of co-ordinating practical and theoretical training, and through the efforts of university officials and the willingness of local manufacturers it was expanded to include students of aeronautical engineering when the school added this course to its curriculum.

The University of Detroit was one of the pioneers in establishing an undergraduate course in aeronautical engineering, leading to the degree of bachelor of aeronautical engineering. The course, which extends over five years on the co-operative basis, was started in 1921 with an enrollment of 20 students. At the beginning of the current term, 343 were matriculated.

During the co-operative years, the students are divided into two groups, each of which alternates at school and at work, the one receiving instruction at the university while the other is employed in some industry. The two sections interchange at the end of each succeeding four weeks, and in this manner the positions are constantly filled. The students receive wages on an hourly basis for the time they are employed, the rate for a particular job being the same as for any other workman. Thus they are enabled to earn a large part of their expenses and some become wholly self-supporting.

The theoretical instruction is outlined on a progressive arrangement of the fundamental sciences, general educational and professional courses, the aim being to give a thorough knowledge of aerodynamics, design of airplanes and engines, propellers, detailed aircraft structures, meteorology and aircraft radio communication. For the first two and one-half years, the course includes general engineering subjects and, likewise, the students are placed in the various industries so as to receive a general practical training. Many are employed at the Packard, Chrysler, Ford, and Cadillac automobile plants, while others are placed in other manufacturing, engineering and public service establishments.

For the second half of the five year course the aeronautical students are grounded in the branches of engineering pertaining directly to aviation and are assigned work in aircraft plants, at two years of experience in this particular industry is among the requirements for a B. S. A. E. degree.

A number of students of the university are employed under the co-operative system by Ford Motor Airplane Co., Division of the Ford Motor Co., at its airplane factory at Dearborn, Mich., just outside of Detroit. These men are carefully selected on the basis of attainments and aptitudes, and must measure up to the standards set by the company, which does not hesitate to seek replacements of any students that fail to justify their employment.

"The co-operative student has several advantages," said a Ford official, "which tend to make him desirable from the employer's viewpoint. He is thinking just his work—it is more than merely a job in here-and-so does not treat it indifferently. He studies at, comes to understand it and looks ahead to the bigger job."

This training takes place during the formative period of the young man's life, at a time when he can be shaped more readily to the discipline and practices of the shop. This is an advantage, because he would have to become adjusted to these things sooner or later and if he waits until completing his four years of schooling, he is less adaptable. He has then learned the academic theories and perhaps may feel less willing to begin at the bottom in order to learn the practical side.

"Our foremen were at first opposed to the introduction of these co-operative students; no doubt because of their



Aero-engineering school laboratory at the University of Detroit while the equipment was being installed.



experience with graduates, or with college men who wanted contracts to earn money for the next year's expenses. But soon the foremen had come to see the serious purposes of the co-operative students; they no longer oppose their employment.

Naturally, our idea is not entirely unshared. It means something to us to have these earnest young men learning our policies and methods so that some of them can fit into our organization upon graduation. And there is always the possibility that among them we may find someone a youth of more than ordinary diligence or intelligence. If that should happen, we would consider the experiment amply justified."

Among the other aircraft firm employers, University of Detroit students are Capital Aircraft Co., Eastern Aircraft Co., TWA Mainline Engineering, Warner Aircraft Co., Stout Engineering Laboratory, Goodrich Aircraft, Glendon, Inc., aircraft division of Berry, Inc., Pan American Aircraft Co., and General Air Service.

"The co-operative student," says Paul Peter Altman, head of the aeronautical engineering department at the University, "has a two-fold advantage over the straight academic student in that he obtains five years of practical experience in the industry, learned to judge human nature as well as the ground shop methods. The former should be of great benefit in later life as an executive and the latter as a potential designer."

"Secondly, this often enables the careful student to earn practically all of his expenses while attending school. Thus we find that the co-operative student leads a good deal of excitement in his college work. This is particularly true in the last two years of training for he is obliged upon to demonstrate his shop knowledge in the classes of aircraft design. It is certain that the students with a background of shop work carry out their school design more rapidly and efficiently, and on a more practical basis than those who have not had the practical shop experience."

"It is the plan of the department that the student spend his first two or three years of co-operative shop work in such places as the tool rooms, machine shop, shipping rooms, etc., of the various industries allied with his career of study, thus familiarizing himself with the general shop routine and shop methods, which are irreplaceable in detail design."

In the last two and one-half years of this course he devotes his time to the more specialized work in the air-

craft industry, such as general assembly, detail construction and design. The student engineers have the advantage of the most elaborate and modern equipment in the big factories, which makes it possible for them to keep in personal touch with the latest engineering developments and newest equipment.

The viewpoint of the students was expressed by Allen Dallas, a senior and president of the aeronautical society, who has found his practical experience an invaluable adjustment to his studies in the classroom. Mr. Dallas says:

A person is at a disadvantage with only the practical training or the theoretical background, but with both he has greater confidence in himself and a better opportunity to secure a good position after he completes his course. Furthermore, I was able to earn a large part of my expenses through the co-operative employment plan."

In addition to the practical side of the training, complete laboratory courses are required in the training of stu-



Top: The old wind tunnel at the university, which is giving way to a new and larger one. Center: Two men engineering work on the assembly line at the Stout factory. Bottom: A group of undergraduates work on the assembly line at the Stout factory.



craft structure, aerodynamics, aircraft engines and instruments. The university, which maintains its lab in terms open to firms for research work on a non-profit basis, now has under design a new aerodynamic laboratory at the engineering college building on its new 80 acre campus. A 12 ft model of the new laboratory is in progress under construction and will be used to determine the characteristics of the full-scale tunnel which will contain and which is to be 7 by 30 ft at the working section. The model tunnel will be used for experiments in velocity, pressure and flow distribution. The department also has available in the co-operative building a modified N. P. 1, tunnel three and one-half feet square at the working section.

During the past two years, there has been such a demand by the aviation industry for technical graduates that senior students at the University of Detroit have found many employers on the co-operative basis in carrying out complete designs of airplanes under the supervision of consulting engineers.

Some of the other activities of the aeronautical school consist of the aeronautical society, the annual senior trip to important divisions of the industry as exhibit at the annual All-American Aircraft Show in Detroit, and in the near future it is contemplated to hold an intercollegiate glider contest. Some of the students now have a glider under construction. In April the aeronautical society will host to the conference of Intercollegiate Aeronautical Association.

# Installation and Care of Aircraft Engines

By J. H. GEISSE  
Head Aircraft Factory

FROM \$0 to \$500 for between overheads is the yardstick by which we can measure the improvement in engine engine performance since the close of the war. It is the writer's opinion that about as much of each part of the advance is due to improvement in engine construction and the balance is due to more intelligent care and operation. The added performance due to improvement in design is available to all purchasers of new equipment but the other and just important is only attained in proportion to the efficiency of the operators.

Only those operators who appreciate that an aviation engine is not a rock crusher, but that it is as fine a piece of mechanism for its purpose as we know how to produce, get the 300 hours' service. Some have not improved their methods one iota in the past nine years and, in addition to paying for these airplanes out of their own pockets, they are not helping the advance of aviation by their participation in it. Practically all of the engine manufacturers provide their customers with booklets of instructions, but it seems that in many cases the purchaser readily files the information book away without reading until such time as he needs to read the pages for the part numbers of some parts that he would not have had no order if he had "read and believed." Some of these instructions, controls, and good advice contained in many of these valuable booklets as well as some not so stated are set forth in the following paragraphs.

When a new engine is received the first and most important thing to do is to read the instructions; the second, clean them; and third, put them into practice. These controls will go forth the subsequent steps which will vary with different engines. Generally, the inexperienced pilot will have to read the instructions, clean them, and put them into practice. This should be simple and unobtrusive with danger but too often damages occur. A case in point that recently happened will show that even new engines may require considerable repairs before they are run. The engine had been mounted on a fitting stand, with the center of gravity well above the center of rotation. The mechanism was just about to start when, suddenly, and with no means whatever of stopping it when once it had started. Fortunately a thoughtful individual averted the crisis. (Unfortunately he was employed who have been instructed in the handling of the particular en-

gine being received, a competent foreman should be in the job to supervise its uncrating and to set up, like pilot, but yet to the ditch that saves one.

The engine instruction books do not tell you to clean the engine parts, check the valve spring clearances, and suggest all sorts of ways that they are tight and sealed, but that is an essential. The manufacturer is not infallible and oil will get through to the engine points in shipment.

Assuming that no test stand is available, the next step is the installation. A good working should be provided. It will pay for itself in improvement of plane and engine performance. In the case of air-cooled engines, the cool must assure plenty of air flow over all of the cylinder heads and barrels. Not a few engines have been modified with the air-cooled type that prevent dry engines could take care of themselves. The cool should assure as little turbulence as possible. It would seem necessary to mention this, but just inspect some poorly cooled plane and imagine all parts that would cause turbulence to be fixed up on the wing. It will surprise you. A great deal of improvement can be made in describing the engine itself but what is a done, the airplane manufacturer should do his job with the cooling. In designing the cooling, consideration should be given to the use of the crankcase as an oil cooler if it is so suited in this task. The fuel system should, of course, be as simple as possible but in many cases it is advisable to complicate it to the extent of having an alternate system that can be used if the main system fails. For gravity tanks an air pump head on the carburetor should be provided, under all conditions of flight. The engine parts should be lubricated from the engine or carburetor manufacturer. Where a gear type fuel pump is used it is advisable to have the relief valve discharge return to the intake tank of go to the gravity tank. By-passing around the pump is very likely to cause it to lose its prime. The gear type pumps will not prime themselves from very much of a suction head and some provision must be made for this purpose. Assorted copper tubing, flexible metal hose, or a combination of the two should be used. It is not good rubber hose to come into contact with the fuel. Both the copper tube and the flexible metal hose

should be supported at points close enough to prevent vibration between the supports. Where the fuel line is clipped to two parts that may move relative to each other sufficient length should be used to prevent whipping, but, still allow enough to prevent vibration. The covering of copper tube with a braid which will hold it in line in case of fracture and yet allow sufficient flexibility to damp the start of a fracture has been suggested, and is worthy of thought. Although the carburetor and tank are provided with venturi, an additional strainer in the line is advisable. It should have a sump to hold water and it should be readily accessible for cleaning. A shut-off cock controlled by a plug should be provided. This should preferably be as far away from the carburetor as the system will permit, thus affording the maximum protection in case of low leakage. The priming system should be checked for equal distribution with the spray nozzles removed from the manifold.

The strainer made in reference to fuel lines apply also to oil lines. Again rubber should not be used in contact with the fuel. The tank should be mounted so that the oil will flow by gravity to the oil pump. If this is not done liberally will be encountered in cold weather in getting the oil pump to prime. A good sea drain or sump in an accessible position with plenty of clearance below the outlet to accommodate a bucket will save a lot of time for the operating personnel. If an oil cooler is not to be provided, and they should be necessary, water-cooled engines properly installed should be made for a good air stream passing the tank to aid in cooling. In some cases, it may be advisable to make provision for spraying the return of oil in the other surface of the tank. This will assist in cooling the cooling capacity of the tank when it is only partially filled.

The capacity of the oil tank should be proportioned to the fuel supply. In the average case the ratio of fuel consumption to oil consumption is 20 to 1. An extra gallon should be provided and the tank should be made about 10 per cent larger than the installed size and the filler so placed that only the calculated amount can be put in. The added space is needed to take care of oil frothing.

If no provision is made in the engine for an oil thermometer, then one should be provided in the oil outlet line close to the engine. Care should be exercised in getting complete submersion of the thermometer in the moving oil. A "tee" is satisfactory for this purpose providing that the thermometer is placed in the center of the side. If the "tee" is too large for the thermometer then only one reducing thimble should be used. That part of the thermometer assembly out of the pipe should preferably be not exposed to an air blast.

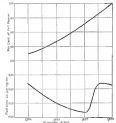
The controls should receive careful attention to see that there is no possibility of their sticking, binding, coming loose, or throwing over center at any of the bell cranks. The latter should be so arranged that the throttle is not so sensitive to the engine controls. The amount of travel will be about half closed for cranking at about 200 r.p.m. under the maximum r.p.m. The controls should always be checked to insure that the full range is available.

It is the opinion of the author that no plugs should be used as a satisfactory engine starter. The steps of "opening through" are not gone, but they certainly should be. In connection with the starter, a booster magnet or battery should be provided and should preferably be operated by the starter. Batteries should not be used in the magneto primary for this purpose.

Planes that are to be used at any time at air temperatures below 60° F. should be equipped with a carburetor air heater unless the throttle is choked. Without some source of heat, frost will accumulate on the throttle at temperatures 50° F., especially on a humid day. This

will not only cause engine running but may make it impossible to move the throttle. The oil jackets supplied in some air-cooled engines are not sufficient. A control of the latter may be provided but the author does not favor the corrective measures. Cutting off the heater will raise the power slightly but having it on will decrease the fuel consumption.

The last item in the installation, the propeller, does not always get the attention it deserves. Many complaints of rough running have been caused by changing propellers. The propeller should be very carefully balanced and



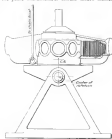
A graphical representation of a not unusual specific fuel consumption curve.

checked before installation. Normally static balancing is sufficient, but cases have been known where the dynamic balance was unsatisfactory. The failure of some metal propellers has been traced to the method of drilling for balancing and this should receive careful attention. In addition to securing proper balance it is essential that the pitch of the blades be exactly the same. Any difference in the thrust of the blades will give an unbalanced rocking couple and result in engine vibration.

In starting a new engine the spark plugs should always be removed before the engine is turned over. It should then be turned by hand, slowly, to get the oil out of the cylinders. Before working up for a start, the controls should be checked for both direction and amount of movement. After starting, all engines, regardless of the amount of running in the history, should be run in gradually increasing speeds. A good rule is to run one-half hour at each 200 r.p.m. from idling to full throttle. Care should be taken that the throttle is not full open at 300 r.p.m. under the speed specified on this engine overhauling of air cooled engines. During the run-in the switches should be tried at frequent intervals as feeding of spark plugs is very likely. The switches should also be tried consistently 600 r.p.m. under full throttle and a note made of the drop at each. The drop does not necessarily have to be the same if the response are wired so that each free plays all in one location in the cylinders. If it is not the same this fact is worth knowing right at the start as this may save a lot of worry at some later date. Experience has shown that a drop in response is, unless corrected, to cut out switch at full throttle. Overheating is very apt to result.

The full amount should come up almost immediately on starting off and if it does not the engine must be shut down to find the trouble. Continued running may easily

would the engine. The oil should be warm enough to be very flowing before the speed is increased too greatly. The fact that the pressure is up to normal does insure that the engine is getting sufficient oil. After the run the engine should be tried several times for both rapid and slow acceleration. The engine instruments were against rapid acceleration and rapid acceleration should not be made if it is possible to avoid it. However, the pilot may sometimes have to jerk the throttle open and the plane manufacturer should insure himself that



A drawing showing the wrong way of mounting an engine on a tilting stand. It will be noted that the center of gravity is above the center of rotation.

when this happens the engine is not going to falter. Normal or slow acceleration must also be tried so it is possible to have poor normal but good rapid acceleration.

After the initial runs are made it would be highly advisable to prepare a plate showing the results and place this in the cockpit. The plate should show the propeller setting, the maximum rpm on the ground, the oil pressure during and full throttle, and the drop in rpm due to cutting each speed. The latter should state the rpm at which the test should be made. This information will be of considerable value in checking the engine later.

The choice of proper fuels and oils seems to be very little understood. Different engines require different fuel-detergent characteristics in their fuels. Probably the best method of determining whether a fuel is satisfactory is to compare it with one that is unquestionably much better than required. If in doubt from this fact is the fuel in question, there is the slightest drop in rpm or increase in oil temperature it should not be used. Detonations can cause all kinds of grief. If there is any question of doubt about the fuel, send a sample of it to the engine manufacturer for test in his laboratory.

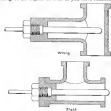
In case of the air-cooled engine, grease is used for the rocker arms. A grease with little or no soap should be used as at the temperatures encountered, the lubricant may leave the soap in the grease cap. When this happens with some greases, the rocker arm may be getting no lubrication when inducing a full rpm.

Every operating company should provide its mechanic with a check-off list for inspection purposes. It is the only way to insure that some parts are not overlooked. Where this system has been installed a general reduction in accidents has been accomplished. The list should in-

clude every part that needs to be inspected. One list should be provided for the daily inspection and a separate list for inspection after every 25 hr. of operation. At the 25 hr. period, both the fuel and consumption and oil consumption should be checked, a practice not now general. Changes in these values are good indicators of the condition of the engine. Use of such data is done and which the author believes should not be done is the changing of the setting of the oil pressure relief valve upon a control for a drop or increase in oil pressure. Changing of the valve is of course all right, but it should be removed with no change in spring tension. If the oil pressure changes, not changes due to change in level of oil used or change in the oil temperature, something has changed in the engine and changing the relief valve tension does not correct it. The trouble should be located. It is true that ordinary wear may gradually drop the pressure but in such a case the engine will get sufficient oil with the lower pressure, and too much if the pressure is brought back to its initial value. Changing of the relief valve spring tension makes it impossible to use the oil pressure as a gauge of engine condition. Monitoring the rate of oil flow through various cockleheads, again is very advantageous. Changes in the rate of flow constitutes a connection with changes in oil pressure as a very big help in analyzing the engine condition without turning it down.

In operation too much stress cannot be laid on the necessity of warming up before opening to full throttle. Before taking off, every pilot owes it to himself, his employer, and the industry, to check the engine rpm at full throttle and to try the switches at some speed slightly maximum. Then, as mentioned above, and repeated in all engine instructions, the throttle should be opened slowly in taking off. A fast take-off may impress the casual observer, but those who know flying know that some one has to pay for the show.

Probably the greatest error in determining whether you are going to get 100 or 300 hp. between overloads is the throttling of the engine as soon as you have reached a safe



These drawings illustrate the correct and incorrect method of installing an oil thermometer.

altitude. The difference in the life of an engine at part throttle and the life at full throttle is remarkable. Any other very good reason for the throttling of some of the air-cooled engines, is that their specific fuel consumption is 0.6 lb. per hp. or above at full throttle, and about 0.5 lb. per hp. at about 2000 r.p.m. under maximum. A further reduction in fuel consumption can be obtained by proper use of the mixture control. The mixture control should not be used for low altitude flying at full throttle as overloading may be the result.

## AIRPLANE DESCRIPTIONS

### Maximum Safety Planes

TWO cabin monoplanes having similar designs characteristics, but differing in dimensions and carrying capacity, have been developed by the Maximum Safety Airplane Co., of Los Angeles, Calif. One of these models is a two-place training plane and the other is a four-place craft with passengers' cabin located about the pilot's cockpit and means of communication provided between the two. Both are powered with Cessna semi-cylinder, radial air-cooled engines developing 150 hp. at 1,800 rpm.

One of the interesting features in the design is the wide variation between maximum and minimum chord in the wing, resulting in large wing area and low wing loading. Unusually great dihedral contributes to the lateral stability. The pilot's cockpit, which is set ahead and above the wing, is surrounded by a cowling.

The two-place training plane has an overall length of 34 ft. 7 in., a wing span of 37 ft. 6 in., a maximum chord of 11 ft. and a minimum chord of 6 ft. The weight empty is 1,675 lb. and the gross weight 2,450 lb. The four-place model has an overall length of 35 ft. 2 in., a wing span of 42 ft. 8 in., a maximum chord of 12 ft. 6 in., and a minimum chord of 7 ft. The weight empty is 1,900 lb. and the gross weight 2,800 lb.

A speed of 125 m.p.h. has been attained with the two-place plane and it is said that the landing speed in turn has been amazingly low. During the tests the plane climbed to 3,000 ft. in 1 min. 38 sec.

Conventional wood and steel tube construction is employed in the Maximum Safety monoplanes and all steel used is S. A. 2, 1025. Both wood and steel work is carefully selected and tested before being used in build-



The two-place "Cessna" powered training plane which is being produced by the Maximum Safety Airplane Co.

ing the planes. The wing is set at an angle of incidence of 0 deg. Control surfaces are somewhat larger than the average.

The cabin interior is finished in velvet and leather upholstery is also furnished. Instrument equipment consists of a panel containing altimeter, airspeed, oil pressure and temperature gauges, air speed indicator, turn and bank indicator, compass, gnomonizer and clock. Navigation lights also are provided.

Landing gear is of the split type and Grass shock absorbers are furnished as standard equipment. Bowtie brakes and wheelie compressors 3065 turn also are provided as well as a tail wheel. Provision has been made to install a Rayson automatic starter on the engine and a Westinghouse Minerva propeller included in the equipment.

### Crawford Monoplane

A NEW tri-engine plane was recently successfully test flown from Crawford Airport, Seal Beach, Calif. by test pilot James Augel. The plane was designed by William F. Crawford.

The Crawford Special is a four place high wing monoplane, wings being tapered in plan form, and dihedral, and especially braced. The maximum chord is 7 ft. 6 in., the minimum chord, 5 ft. 6 in. and the wing area 250 sq. ft. The entire plane is constructed of welded



A front quarter view of the Crawford Special Monoplane powered with three Saitery S-R-3 engines.

drive welded stainless steel tubing. Power is furnished by three Saitery S-R-3, three cylinder, 40 hp. engines.

The plane has a wing span of 36 ft., an overall length of 22 ft. 6 in. and a height of 6 ft. 9 in. The weight of the craft empty is 1,450 lb. and the gross weight loaded is 2,450 lb. During initial test flights this plane showed a speed of about 100 m.p.h. at an engine speed of 1,500 r.p.m., and a cruising speed of 75 m.p.h. It is said to have an initial climb of 1,500 ft. per sec., a service ceiling of 15,000 ft., and a landing speed of 35 m.p.h.

The wing construction employs no wire bracing, drag stress being carried by diagonal steel tube members permanently welded in place. The surface section of the wing is 12 S. A. 34. Wing ribs are spaced 12 in. apart. The leading edge is reinforced 5/32 in. plywood and the trailing edge ribs are 3/4 in. x 1 in. x 1/4 in. tubing throughout the plane is said to be treated with Loxonol, and all metal aerial wires outside, while all covering is with Plyclene before being painted with Berry Bros. products. The tapered wing is built in two panels, each of which is hinged to the fuselage at the upper longitudinal and braced to the lower fuselage by struts. Both dihedral and incidence are zero.

The cabin is unusually wide, pilot being seated in a separate chair forward and passengers in a wide seat across the rear of the cabin.

Propellers are of Crawford manufacture. An innovation is that of carrying the oil tank in the tail just beneath the one piece elevator and stabilizer unit. Fuel tanks are each 30 gal. capacity, one being carried in each panel.

The landing gear is a strut at 11 ft., and a fixed wheel Grass Aero struts and 30 in. wheels. Aileron and rudder control in conventional, but the usual stabilizer and elevators are replaced by the Crawford patented tail control, a large horizontal surface which is constructed rigidly in one piece and is balanced at the center of pressure at about one-third of the chord length back from the leading edge.













## N.A.T. Installs Radio Equipment on Planes

CHICAGO, ILL.—Following about a year and a half of gradual experiment with radio beams and ground to plane radio communication, in connection with the government, the planes of the National Air Transport and it is understood, the members of other large transport companies where the equipment is available, will be fitted out to operate by the radio device. N.A.T. planes on the New York-Cleveland route, where the tests were conducted, are to be equipped already and other members of the company are being fitted out as rapidly as possible.

Further reports are transmitted to the pilot through the ground to plane voice apparatus. Attention of the pilot to the radio communication is aided by interrupting the beam. The pilot now has in his the higher voice length to receive the information. Hourly reports are given now in case of a sudden weather change when a special broadcast is sent.

A remote radio, mounted located in the cockpit permits more adjustment of the receiver and where a small compass is mounted at the rear of the plane's seat. A volume control on the instrument board, moreover, between a current meter system attached to the fuselage along midway to the tail surfaces, controls the equipment. Daytime route or radio transmission will be available extremely. Disturbance of similar radio sets are being placed for all the main airports.

## Chose Kentucky Route Sites

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Selecting a route for three flights on a proposed airway but first have completed in Madisonville, Ky., and a site for an airport near Central City, Ky. has been approved. The route will be placed in Tennessee and Bluebird. There will be a 2000-foot air, high on a hill at the center of the route. Central City, Ky., Official information from the United States Department of Commerce in Louisville within a few days. The route is being made in the country to stress the availability of the proposed airway between Louisville and Lexington. A commercial air line is to be the new service pass over Central City.

## Seeks Uniform Air Laws

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special Service) of the aviation group for the uniform of air law is sought in Association Bulletin No. 12 of the Association Branch, which represents several members of aviation laws. To achieve the desired uniformity in such matters, the proposed laws in general uniform with the recommendations of the Federal air traffic rules.

## Plane Service to Lake George

ALBANY, N. Y.—Plans for the special air passenger service between Albany and Lake George and Saratoga have been announced by George B. Walker, president of the Albany Air Service. Ryan biplanes will be used.

## New T. A. C. Line



Joining the 224 mi. track line which the Chicago and North Western R.R. will be operating between Day City, Mo., and Cleveland April 1. A package express service is also planned.

## Two New Air Services Proposed in Mid-West

CHICAGO, ILL.—Proposals are being made to start air mail service between this city and Kansas City next after May 1 following the completion of the building of the airway by the Associated States. This will be operated by the Robertson Aircraft Corp., Division of Universal Aviation Corp.

Universal officials have announced recently plans for operating a fast of service air line between this city, St. Louis and Kansas City as soon as the building of the road route is completed.

## Proposes Barges for Port

CHICAGO, ILL.—An airport project is being proposed at the Port of Chicago, Ill., by the Chicago River Harbor Authority. The project is being made in the country to stress the availability of the proposed airway between Louisville and Lexington. A commercial air line is to be the new service pass over Central City.

## T. A. T. to Start in July

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The latest recommendation relative to the probable beginning of service of the Transcontinental Air Transport Corp. says that service is expected to start early in July. The project is being made in the country to stress the availability of the proposed airway between Louisville and Lexington. A commercial air line is to be the new service pass over Central City.

## Oakland Radio Music Installed

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Two 125 ft. towers set the local municipal airport have been demolished by the Aviation Trust and it is expected that all of the equipment of the radio station will be installed within the next few months.

## Kansas City Municipal Port Station Proposed

KANSAS CITY, KAN.—A new passenger station costing about \$150,000 is to be built in the Kansas City airport, it was recently announced. The station will be 35 ft by 45 ft and will be two stories high, the second story being smaller in size than the first. A plan is being prepared to have the building will extend from the roof of the first floor to above the roof of the second floor. The building will be paid for out of airport bond funds.

The structure will be of brick with granite base and roof. The first floor will consist of waiting room, dining room, rest office, cloak and baggage rooms, baggage office and other accommodations. On the second floor will be the manager's offices and rooms for pilots. The roof of the first floor not occupied by the awaiting second story will be used as an observation point for the airport. There will be two entrances, one facing the airport and the other facing the public building.

It is understood that bids will be called within a few days. Plans for the building were given by H. J. McFarland, city manager, and Matthew J. Maury, director of public works. It is expected that the building will be completed by late summer.

## W. A. E. Pilots Lost No Mail

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Pilots of Western Air Express have flown over the Midwest and most western region of continental United States every day for the past three years without losing a single piece of mail entrusted to their care. The express is the Western Division of California and Nevada. Service over the route was started when there was a fleet of five biplanes. Today the air equipment includes ten single-engine biplanes, with no more being built and 16 biplanes.

## Texas Concerns Aids Line

PORT WORTH, TEX.—(Special Service) The Texas Air Transport, Inc. has been organized by Port Worth, Dallas and El Paso was incorporated March 16 by Texas Air Transport, Inc. This is the first of the Texas Air Transport, Inc. are made at Camp Airline, The Springs and Midland. Further steps—Universal air line, which is equipped with biplanes powered with Wright six-cylinders.

## Columbus Leaves Port Space

COLUMBUS, O.—Two additional airships leave today which will provide the U. S. Air Line, Ltd., of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Central Postal Service of Ohio, Inc., to occupy ships and operate at the municipal airport here has been passed by the City Council.

## Post of Assistant Created

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—The recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Los Angeles City Council has created the post of assistant director of airports at a salary of \$100 a month.

## Toronto Group Plans To Build Big Airport

TORONTO, CANADA.—A modern airport about 1000 ft. square will be built in the Toronto City by the acquisition of the Canadian Air Rights, Ltd., a \$250,000 corporation organized for the purpose. Work on the project 1,000 ft. square and other buildings will be started in June. The work to cost \$250,000.

The work is less than 10 mi. from the center of the city. It is expected that the Toronto Flying Club, the National Air Transport and Canadian Airways will be required to be built. The Canadian Airways, however, while Canadian Airlines Ltd. is understood to have been offered a parcel of 25 ft. The latest estimate is expected to open a service between Buffalo and New York in the summer. The field will eventually be equipped for all facilities of aviation and it is expected that the airport will be one of the most complete in Canada.

## Foreign News Briefs

A National Air Council has been established in Portugal to have charge of all matters affecting national aviation.

The air pact just now in Colombia, have been reduced from \$1 per 1/2 ft. to \$1 per ft. and the white line on parishes has been increased from 20 to 25 ft.

To speed up transatlantic air mail between America and Germany as well as between America and China, American Airlines will be agreed this summer to connect with the North German Lloyd Lines to operate on the proposed New York-Chengdu-Singapore route.

D. H. Jackson of the Western Canada Airways, has been awarded the Military Trophy for meritorious service in the 10th Squadron of aviation in Canada in 1928. Orders from 1925 for doing the year.

A. V. Roy, master English pilot instructor and designer, recently was licensed on engine of 44 ft. in size in England and world aviation.

The annual convention of the air defense of Great Britain which last year was held over London and around considerable numbers, this year probably will take the form of an expedition to Scotland territory.

Construction of the St. Hubert airport near Montreal is advancing rapidly. A number of hangars are built a mile in diameter has been started and several will be worked this spring. It is expected that it will be ready for use in the fall. Permanent land outside airports are being started. Materializing and wireless stations have been completed.

and it is expected that the aircraft used will be finished by May 1.

New Zealand is experiencing an aviation boom as a result of the interest created by the flight of the Southern Cross from Sydney, Australia, to Christchurch, the first airplane flight across the Tasman Sea. Flying clubs have been formed and the government is taking in managing airports and aviation air defense.

The Varney Aircraft Corp., Ltd., of Vancouver, Canada, has been formed to become control of Dominion Airways Ltd. of Vancouver, it is understood. It is expected that this year will be started in parishes, sold flights, engineering lines, photographic surveys and engineering Vancouver will be the headquarters.

The Bremen, first plane to make an air line from Bremen, Germany, to London, is expected to be the first plane to be included in the flight plan in Germany for shipment to the Museum of the City of New York, where it will be located as a permanent exhibit.

## Foreign News Briefs

All state has been reserved for the International Air Exhibition at Olympia, London, July 16 to 27. American, French, German and British contractors will be represented. Three governments will be invited to exhibit.

## British Designer in America

LONDON, ENGLAND.—Donald Shaw, head designer of metal aircraft, has arrived in the United States to design American aircraft designs. He plans to make an informal survey of many airports and manufacturing plants. He will also be the first to visit the Air Line Club on the flight around Africa and the members to be used on the Mediterranean route of the British Empire Airways. The company has been the leading exponent of metal construction for aircraft in this country.

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## English Air Fuel Decreased

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## "Tramp" Air Freight Plane Charter Signed

LONDON, ENGLAND.—"Tramp" freight planes may operate over a route to London to "tramp" over the Atlantic. This was brought about by the King of the East Coast party for international aviation recently, on connection with transportation between Great Britain and the United States. The charter was signed as follows: Damage is at the rate of \$175 per year. The aircraft is to be used in one month day and will be delivered on the day of arrival. Free discharge is to be stated rate by the manager at the average rate of two tons per hour.

The carriage of the cargo is at the risk of the charterer, and the owner accepts no responsibility for loss, damage, or delay. The charterer is to be held liable in case of any accident, including loading and unloading. It has been accepted by the general aviation owners in Great Britain and approval of all the concerned owners is to be signed as well.

## London-India Service To Be Started Today

LONDON, ENGLAND.—(Special Service) The Imperial Airways will launch today, March 26, the long planned for Imperial Airways connecting this city with India. The Imperial Airways is due to take off from London at 8:45 A.M. The machine is due to arrive in Karachi, India, at 4 P.M. Today, April 1, the machine is due to arrive in Bombay, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Calcutta, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Rangoon, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Singapore, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Hong Kong, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Shanghai, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Peking, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Tientsin, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Hankow, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Chungking, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Kanton, India, at 4 P.M. The machine is due to arrive in Canton, India, at 4 P.M. 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## BUYER'S LOG BOOK

### Young Radiators

A NEW type of auto heater with all copper condenser is now offered by the Young Radiator Co., Racine, Wis. This heater is particularly adaptable to use in airplane hangars, factories, plants and workshops. Five models of various capacities and ranges are available. From 65 to 125 ft. are installed in the line. These units are also used for drying and cooling.



One of the models manufactured by the Young Radiator Co., Racine, Wis.

Among the features embodied in this type are the adjustable deflector which directs the air passing through the condenser in any desired direction and, when deflected downward, drive the heat to the floor where it is wanted. The condenser consists of flattened vertical copper tubes which diffuse the greatest amount of heat quickly, yet which are not too hot to allow full evaporation and eliminate dripping. Rows of flat copper fins tapered slightly downward, are attached and fused to the tubes assuring permanent air contact and most efficient conductivity of heat and holding the wires firmly in place.

To insure against leakage resulting from excessive steam pressure, the condenser tubes are braced to the heater plates. The entire unit will withstand a steam pressure of 125 lb. per sq. in. Allowance is made for expansion and contraction due to temperature and the condenser unit will not warp from freezing.

These auto heaters can be used with hot water as well as steam installations, the only difference being a reduced capacity in the case of hot water. Motor and fan drive is a high speed delivery at a very small operating cost and the largest unit is equipped with a one-half horsepower motor. Three speed motors also can be furnished and thermostat control for automatic stopping and starting can be installed.

### Spaulding "Non-Sink" Coat

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The upper shell and lining are of waterproofed gabardine. The inner lining is of quilted flannel or Kapaik. Attached are two belts: one passes around the waist giving a snug fit, the other extends from the middle of the back, between the legs and is fastened to the inside front of coat, making it impossible for the garment to work up around the body when the wearer is in the water. The non-sinkable coat is warm and comfortable. The company also manufactures a Navy Non-Sink Coat.

## SIDE SLIPS

By ROBERT R. OGDEN

We can't say whether the writer of a recent news item in a New York paper had a grudge to settle with one of our airplane manufacturers or not, but our quotation from the item shows that it makes a lot of difference just how a thing is said.

Colonel Lindbergh arrived in Los Angeles today after a short flight from Laredo," the quotation says. "A hat a hasty suspicion of the new airplane he hurriedly left the field in an automobile."

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"Major Segrave was traveling so fast that photographers staggered on the beach, found it almost impossible to follow him with their eyes. To the spectators in the grandstand high on the sand dunes, however, the windfall was much clearer and his run could be witnessed clearly."

A. B. P. of Harrisburg, Pa., speaks in the above item with the spectators: "You claim to have spared this balloon and melted the hole to your cabin door. How about the enclosed that I clipped from the March 11 issue of the *Illustrated Telegraph*? They're not all spared yet. Not being at all satisfied with finding that it was almost impossible to see the object (was it a car?) as the lower altitudes some of the more crafty spectators proceeded to pull back on the stick and take advantage of the more favorable air of the sand dunes and grandstands. It must have been wonderful up there. What a whale of a difference a few feet can make."

What A. B. P. says is true. In spite of our effort to provide a first class hand-turner and gliderman we were less of an air-bred-fairing and glancing experience with machines traveling at much higher speeds, the newspapers still sent correspondents suffering with eye trouble down to Florida.

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George West, the present holder of the speed record for an airplane carrying an electric stove from coast to coast, such as a good one from a Denver trial at Crows Pass, the question was, "What emergency equipment should be carried in an airplane?" The answer given was, "Red Cross kit, soap, new cottons and fire water outfit." Possibly this is the correct answer, but our thought in the matter was that if the fire water outfit is available to the average pilot, the soap, new and cottons might better be left out.

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A. B. M. complains as follows: "I might have survived the killing of my friends, but to be ruined in Side Slips is the end of everything for me. Let me advise you that I am not carrying a sea water container in my plane, as announced by a typically boob at the industry's publicity office. What I am making is a breath-condenser. Then, as you doubtless know, is a Scotch invention to condense the fumes of the breath."

A. B. M.'s explanation is accepted and he is returned to full standing in the society. If our landing has benefited him enough so that it is the end of everything for him, he is the first one to be so affected. Almost everyone who calls at the office to complain seriously about our comments seems to be in a very healthy condition.

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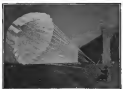
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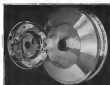


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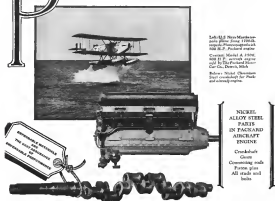
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